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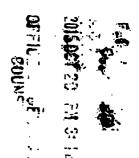
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Greetings:

I write to inform you of a series of serious federal campaign finance violations committed by Ruben Kihuen. Mr. Kihuen is a candidate for the Democratic party nomination in congressional district 4 in Nevada. (Federal Elections Commission Identification # C00502773). I go through each of the apparent violations below.

### April 25, 2015 Fundraising event

On April 25, 2015, Mr. Kihuen held fundraiser at Tacos & Beer restaurant (a Nevada Limited Liability Corporation, see attachment 1). Mr. Kihuen sent out a number of tweets about the upcoming event, and posted information on Facebook. (See Attachment 2). Facebook photos show food, drinks, cake and even a waiter apparently circulating hors d'oeuvres. (See Attachment 3). It appears that the event takes place in a separate room, possibly one that Tacos and Beer rents out. (Attachment 3).

Later on Facebook and Twitter, Mr. Kihuen bragged that "200+ people showed up on a rainy night to support our campaign..." (See Attachment 3). Despite the fact that such a lavish event was held at a nice restaurant/bar, no expenses or in-kind contributions are recorded on Mr. Kihuen's campaign finance report in relation to this event. And an event such as this certainly was staffed. According to his campaign finance reports, he has not paid any money to staff. I go into more detail below about the mystery regarding how Mr. Kihuen's campaign staff is being compensated.

From all of this information, the conclusion is inescapable that either Mr. Kihuen failed to report expenses related to this event on his campaign finance report, or was given free use of a valuable event space, not to mention food and beverages. This amounts to an inkind contribution to Mr. Kihuen's campaign that should have been reported. See 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(A)("contribution' includes— (i)any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office.") This is bolstered by the fact that federal law

contains a very detailed exception for use of noncommercial community rooms and personal residences for political events. 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(b)(ii). This commercial premises clearly does not fall into the exception. Similarly, federal law provides for the provision of food and beverage at cost. 52 U.S.C. 30101(8)(b)(iii). But there is no expense of any kind so he could not have simply paid cost for the food and drinks.

In addition, because the entity apparently making the in-kind contribution was a corporation, this also violates the federal barring corporations from giving directly to congressional candidates. See 52 United States Code § 30118. It is a violation of law not to list this contribution, but also a violation of law to take this contribution in the first instance.

At a minimum Mr. Kihuen must amend his report, pay fair market value to this corporation, and be penalized as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

### June 29, 2015 Fundraising event

Mr. Kihuen held a fundraiser at Embassy Nightclub on June 29, the same time and place the Latin Chamber of Commerce<sup>1</sup> held a mixer for its members. Mr. Kihuen promoted the event with his own invitation via Facebook and Embassy Nightclub promoted Mr. Kihuen's event and the Latin Chamber of Commerce event simultaneously. (See Attachment 5). Both Embassy Nightclub and Mr. Kihuen also promoted Mr. Kihuen attending the LCC event as well. Both invitations feature the same design elements as Embassy Nightclub's and Mr. Kihuen's own promotional material. (Attachment 5). And both events were at precisely the same time, date and place. For all intents and purposes, this appears to be one single event masquerading (barely) as separate events.

Of course, no expenses from this event appear on Mr. Kihuen's June 30 report. Further, the invitations indicated that the event was "hosted" by Alien Tequila and the Latin Chamber of Commerce. (Attachment 5). Alien Tequila is a Nevada limited liability corporation. (See Attachment 6). The invitation also indicated that free drinks and hors d'oeuvres would be provided.

According to Mr. Kihuen's FEC report, there were no in-kind contributions made in relation to the event and he did not have any expenses. He reported receiving \$9,100 on the day of the event, including \$300 from Otto Merida, the Executive Director of the LCC. Most of these were probably attributable to this event.

As with Tacos and Beer, use of this space is an in-kind contribution. See 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(A). And again, federal law contains a limited exception for use of noncommercial community rooms and personal residences for political events. 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(b)(ii). This does not fall into that exception, and since no costs were reported

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I have been unable to determine what entity form the Latin Chamber of Commerce falls under. They do have an affiliated foundation that is a (c)(3) organization under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. (See Attachment 4). However, while affiliated this entity appears to be a separate entity.

at all the provision that allows food and drink to be provided at cost is not implicated either. Mr. Kihuen must amend his report, pay fair market value to this corporation for the space, food and beverages, and be penalized as deemed appropriate by the Commission. Lastly, it is unclear if Embassy Nightclub is a corporation. If it is, the prohibition on corporate contributions applies. 52 United States Code § 30118.

Ironically, Mr. Kihuen's invitation states that it is "Paid for by Ruben Kihuen for Congress." (Attachment 5). But who did he pay? His campaign finance report does not tell us. The fancy artwork on his invitation is the same as that used by Embassy Nightclub, but he didn't pay them anything according to his report.

### Office Space

Mr. Kihuen did not report any in-kind donations or expenses in relation to office space. The only indication there is of a physical office space comes from his Facebook page, which identifies his campaign headquarters as at the same location as The Ramirez Group offices, where Mr. Kihuen is an employee. The Ramirez Group is a Nevada Corporation. (Attachment 10). His campaign website lists a post office box as his address. (See Attachment 11). But Mr. Kihuen is heavily engaged in a campaign for Congress. A post office box does not amount to office space. And of course there is no expense listed for this post office box on Mr. Kihuen's report. The public needs to know if he is running his campaign out of The Ramirez Group, and if so why he has not reported this.

### Other Campaign Expenditures

There are a number of additional serious omissions by Mr. Kihuen. In fact, he reported very few expenses. Certainly every candidate strives for low burn rates, but Mr. Kihuen's are ridiculous for a candidate who has raised over \$214,000, as Mr. Kihuen has as of his most recent report.

Specifically, he has only reported a total of \$4,153 in expenditures. And \$3,638 was for credit card fees stemming from contributions he has received. The only remaining expenditure was a \$515 expenditure for lodging on a fundraising trip.

The following are examples of apparent omissions of expenditures.

### 1. Campaign Manager

Mr. Kihuen's Campaign Manager, David Chase, started working for Mr. Kihuen in May 2015 (See Attachment 12), but had not been paid as of June 30 and no balloon payment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Attachment 7 is the Facebook page for Mr. Kihuen's campaign. It indicates an address of 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Bonneville in Las Vegas. Attachment 8 is from The Ramirez Group's website and it indicates that Mr. Kihuen remains employed there. Attachment 9 is a page from The Ramirez Group's website indicating an address of 531 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Las Vegas, which is 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Bonneville.

was listed as debt on his report. If David Chase actually volunteered his services (as defined in the Federal Elections Contributions Act) than no balloon payment should be reported on Mr. Kihuen's third quarter FEC filings. If a balloon payment is made, then RK should have reported the deferred salary as debt on his second quarter FEC report. See 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(2)(H) (requirement to list all loans on campaign finance reports); 52 U.S.C. § 30101(8)(A)(i) (contribution includes "any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office.

Clearly anyone can volunteer his or her services. But given Mr. Kihuen's pattern of not properly reporting campaign expenditures, we need to know whether Mr. Chase is an actual volunteer.

### 2. Other Campaign Staff

Mr. Kihuen's Call Time Manager Sam Rivers started working for Mr. Kihuen in early June 2015, but had not been paid as of June 30 and no balloon payment was listed as debt on his report. (See Attachment 13). In addition, Attachment 13, a tweet from Tom Moore, whose Maryland county commission race Mr. Rivers ran, indicated that Mr. Rivers was driving all the way out from the east coast to take that position. That is a long way to drive for a volunteer position. All of the same questions apply to Mr. Rivers as apply to Mr. Chase regarding whether he is an actual volunteer or whether Mr. Kihuen failed to list expenditures for his salary.

### 3. Cross country travel

Mr. Kihuen took at least two trips to Washington, D.C. in the reporting period for which he included little to no expenses. Apparently Mr. Kihuen was in Washington, D.C. on May 5, 2015 (See Attachment 14). and then again on June 15-16, 2015. In fact, a major budget vote was delayed when Mr. Kihuen went to DC in May.

Mr. Kihuen had two fundraising events on June 15. One was hosted by Xavier Becerra, and the other was hosted by the Hispanic Lobbyists Association. (See Attachment 15).

Mr. Kihuen did not report any airfare on either of these trips. His only lodging was the \$515 lodging expense listed on his report as an in-kind contribution from himself to his campaign.

#### 4. Facebook ads-

Mr. Kihuen ran Facebook ads to raise money the last week of the quarter (approximately June 26-June 30). No expense or debt was reported for these ads. (See Attachment 16).

### 5. Kihuen website page says it is Paid for By ActBlue

When one signs up to receive Mr. Kihuen's emails, one is directed to a solicitation to contribute money. The problem is, it is unclear where that money is going. While Mr. Kihuen's congressional campaign banner appears on top, below it states that it is "Paid for by ActBlue and not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee." (Attachment 17). Clearly this is not accurate—the page is a solicitation off of Mr. Kihuen's main page. And federal law requires that campaign material be clearly and accurately marked to show who is paying for any particular item.

### Expenses for congressional campaign in 2011

There remain unanswered questions from Ruben Kihuen's first aborted run for Congress. In August and September of 2011, Mr. Kihuen made payments totaling \$4,745 to Daniel Chavez. A total of three payments were made—one for \$1,500 on August 16, 2011, and another for \$2,245 on September 20 of that year, and \$1,000 on October 17, 2011. (Attachment 18).

These payments came right about the time Mr. Kihuen was declaring his run for Congress, which he did on September 1, 2011<sup>3</sup>, and near the time Chavez became his congressional campaign manager<sup>4</sup>. In addition, despite having moved Mr. Chavez over to his Congressional campaign as demonstrated by his October 5, 2011 payment to Chavez for "Payroll", Kihuen made the third payment, this time of \$1,000 to Chavez from his Nevada State Senate campaign account.

The timing of these expenditures beg the question of whether Mr. Kihuen simply paid Mr. Chavez for services that were actually rendered for his congressional campaign out of his state Senate account. At the time of the payments from his state account to Mr. Chavez, Mr. Kihuen had only recently finished his legislative session and was not running for re-election as a State Senator (he would not be up for re-election until 2014 in the Nevada Senate). Due to the Nevada Legislature's part-time schedule, legislators do not typically keep staff on payroll outside of legislative session or election season.

At a minimum, the Commission needs to demand a satisfactory answer to what Mr. Chavez could have possibly been doing to earn nearly \$5,000 from Mr. Kihuen in terms of work on Mr. Kihuen's <u>state Senate campaign</u>, three years before that election, as opposed to actually working on Kihuen's congressional campaign, which would have required significant resources and attention at that time. Federal law prohibits transfers of funds from state accounts to federal accounts. 11 Code of Federal Regulations Section 110.3(d).

It is also worth noting that excluding the three payments he received in August, September and October 2011, Mr. Chavez was never employed by, or paid from, Mr. Kihuen's State Senate campaign account either before or after that time period.

<sup>3</sup> Attachment 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Las Vegas Review Sun identified Chavez as Kihuen's congressional campaign manager on September 27, 2011 (Attachment 20).

Furthermore, Mr. Chavez lists his employment as the Campaign Manager for Ruben Kihuen for Congress as starting in July 2011 and ending in February 2012 on his LinkedIn account. (Attachment 21).

### Conclusion

The public is entitled to know how candidates for Congress are spending the money that has been contributed to them. In Mr. Kihuen's case, we simply have no idea about the specifics of his campaign in terms of contributions and expenditures. The law requires that Mr. Kihuen provide this information. I respectfully request that you take steps to make Mr. Kihuen file accurate campaign finance reports and that you penalize him appropriately for his failure to do so.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY A. LA SOTA, PLC

Timothy A. La Sota

FEC Complaint-Kihuen October 15, 2015
State of Arizona ) ) ss:
County of Maricopa )
Timothy La Sota personally appeared BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary, on this day of October, 2015, and being by me first duly sworn, under penalty of perjury, on his oath, deposed and said the foregoing was true and correct to the best of his knowledge.
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Timothy A. La Sota, 1702 E. Highland, Suite 204, Phoenix, Arizona 85016
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of October, 2015.
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# Attachment 1

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Managed By:	Managers	Expiration Date:			
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# Attachment 3



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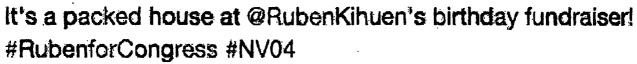
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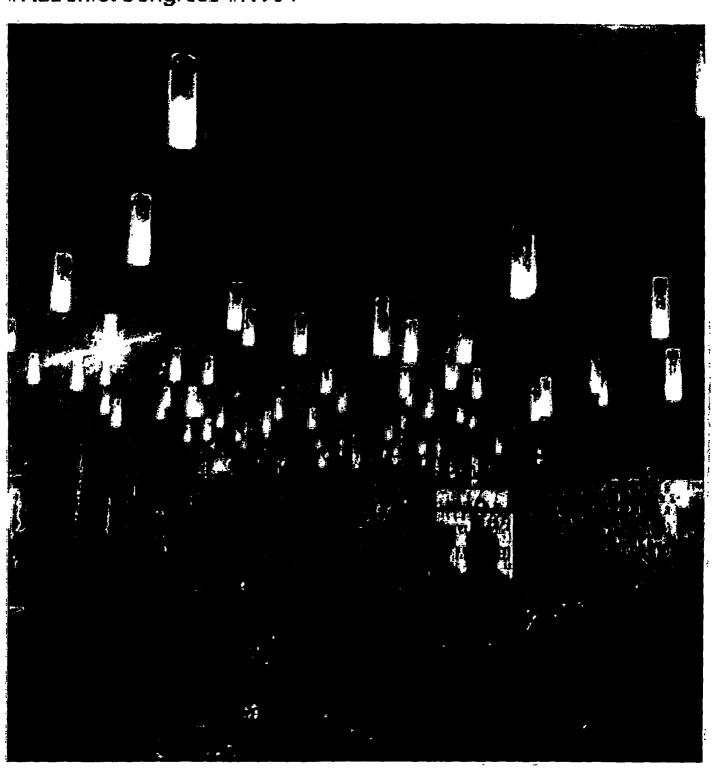




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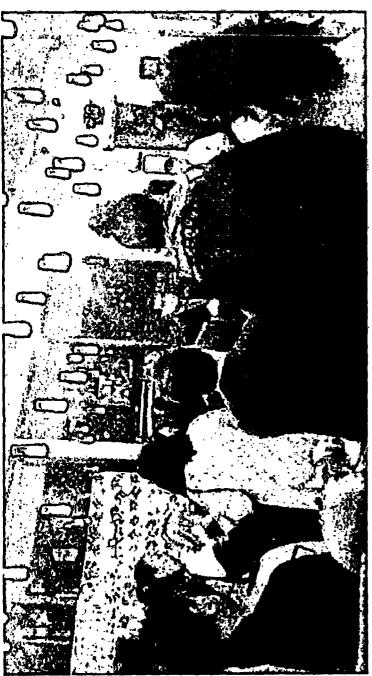
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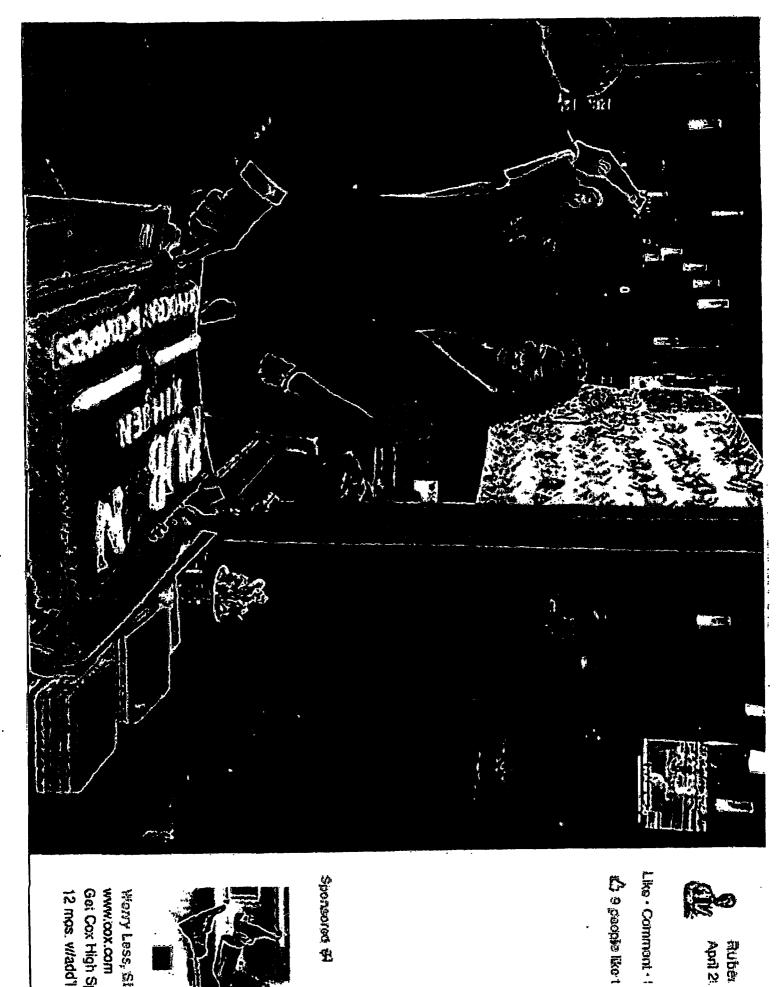
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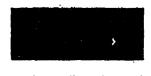
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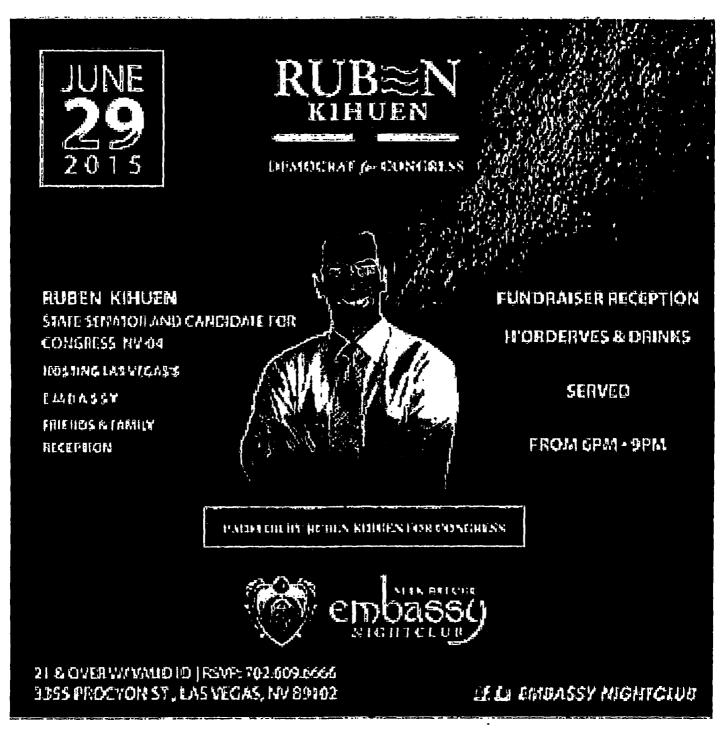
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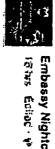
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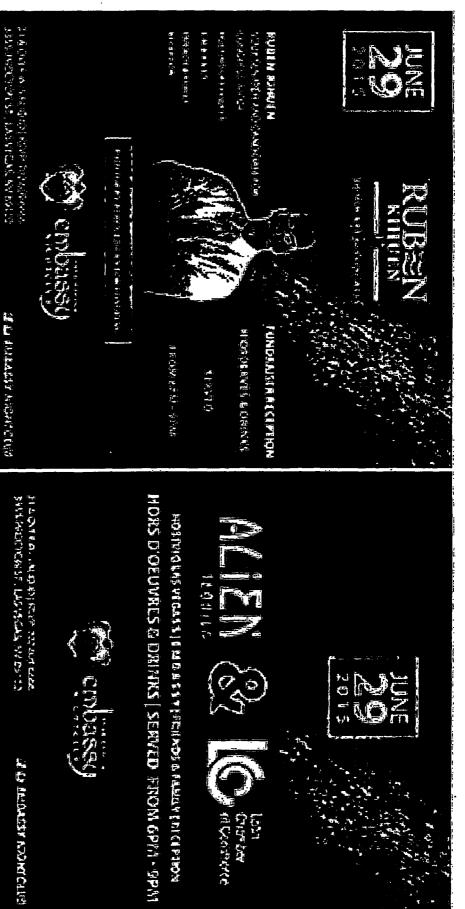


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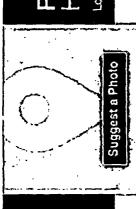
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Ruben began his career at the College of Southern Nevada, first as a recruiter then an academic advisor and finally diversity programs manager. At CSN, he motivated and recruited hundreds of students - many from low-income, minority backgrounds - to pursue their dreams of higher education. He has also mobilized communities and activated voters as a field organizer in Nevada, Virginia, Florida and Texas before becoming a Regional Representative for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Ruben was rewarded for his political savvy by the Nevada State Democratic Party by being elected as their National Committeeman to the Democratic National Committee.

For the last three years, Ruben has served as State Senator for District 10. In addition, he is also the Senate Majority Whip and the Chair of the Senate Revenue & Economic Development Committee. Prior to joining

the Senate, Ruben spent two terms in the State Assembly as the first Hispanic immigrant elected to the Nevada Legislature.

An avid fan of soccer, Ruben has played the sport for most of his life and continues to this day. <u>Downloadable Media Kit</u> (Includes Bio Text File and Photo)

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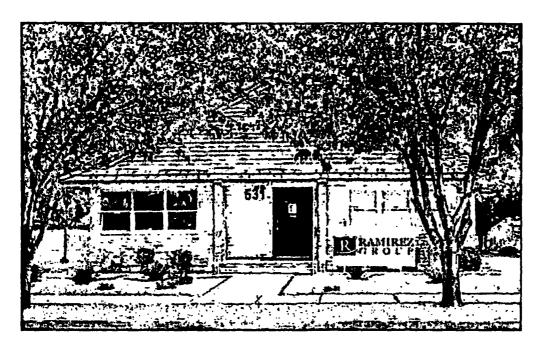
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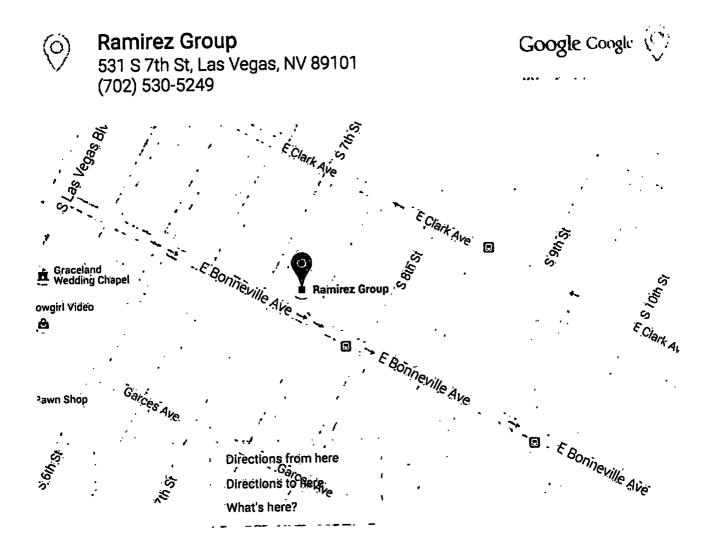
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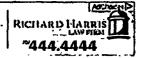
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### State senator announces campaign for Congress



#### By Laura MyeraLAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

State Sen. Ruben Kinuen on Thursday taunched a campaign for Congress, hoping his deep Hispanic community lies carry him to victory in Southern Nevada as the state's first Latino representa

"I grow up in these neighborhoods, and i know lirsthand the needs of the people," Kihuen sald in an interview. "My dad has fost a job before, my methor too. Ours is a common story of an immigrant family who comes to this country with lots of hopes and dreams and not many friends."

Kiltuen announced his congressional bid in a tour-minute YouTube video posted in both English and Sponish. The 31-year-old senator was long expected to run for one of the three districts that will be in Southern Nevada, home to most of the state's Hispanics, who make up 26 percent of Nevada's population.

"I care about preserving the American dream, and I believe I can make a positive difference for you and for your (amily," Kilhuen said in the video, which featured an American flag within the frame. "I'm running for Congress because I care about people like you."

Kiltuen said he would run in whichever district has the highest percentage of Hispanics once congressional lines



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are drawn by a court-appointed panel. It could be as high as 40 percent to 50 percent Hispenic and overlap parts of his Senate district where he is serving his first lour-year term. Previously, he represented the East Las Vegas area in the Assembly for two terms.

"Some people have quositioned my experience, and my age, but this was my third legislative session and I served in the teadership," said Kihuan, who chaired an aconomic development panel in 2011. "I've already heard all the criticism, but I think I can represent my community and Novada well."

The National Republican Congressional Committee was quick to criticize Kihuen's record, including backing Democratic proposals to raise taxes to support education.

"Ruben Kihuen's high taxing and big spending record in the Nevada Logistature clearly puts him at odds with the needs of Nevada's struggling families and small businesses," said NRCC spokesman Tyter O. Houtton, who linked Kihuen with President Barack Obama's policies. "Nevada's battered economy simply cannot afford another Obema rubber stemp like Ruben Khuen in Congress."

Kilhuen is the fourth Democrat to launch a congressional campaign in Southern Nevada

Former Rep. Dina Titus, Assembly Speaker John Oceguera and state Sen. John Lee also are running for Congress. Senate Majority Leader Slaven Horsford, D-Las Vogas, also is expected to run for a House seat, setting up the likelihood of competitive Democratic primaries.

Kihuen sald he Isn't Intimidated, although Titus and Horsford are both considered Democratic Party (avorites who probably would get plenty of backing from financial and party heavyweights.

"We're expecting a competitive primary, and we're expecting a compositive general," Kithuan said, adding he thinks he has the local advantage, "I'm looking to run in a district where I'm well-known, I've been representing those constituents for the past five years in the Legislature."

In the video, Kihuen emphasized his Las Vegas roots. He noted he is a graduate of Rancho High School, the College of Southern Nevada and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

He also sympathized with Nevadans who can't find jobs as employment hovers around 14 percent in Southern Nevada.

"I care about the unemployed who are struggling to survive here in Neveda," said Kihuen, whose parents are Mexican immigrants. "I know what it's like when a parent struggles to put food on the table."

Kituen was born in Maxico but at age 8 came to California with his parents, who were laborers.

His father, now a teacher, worked in the fields and at fast food places, his mother as a cleaner in restaurants and homes. The family with four children moved to Las Vegas when Kihuen was 13 atter the shipping and receiving company his father worked for relocated.

Family members are all U.S. citizens, he said, with his parents benefiting from the 1985 amnesty program for immigrants during the Reagan administration.

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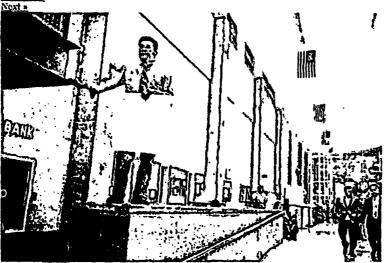
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Experience

Partner Chavez

Campaign Manager Gil Cedillo for LA City Council March 2013 – Juno 2013 (4 months) I Los Angeles, CA

Successfully elected former State Senator Cedillo to Los Angeles City Council District #1.

Campaign Manager Hannah-Beth Jackson for State Senate

July 2012 - November 2012 (5 months) I Santa Barbara, Ca

Successfully won General Election in electing Hannah-Beth Jackson to the CA State Senate.

Campaign Manager Lowenihal for Congress

March 2012 - June 2012 (4 months) I Long Beach, CA

Successfully won Primary for Senator Lowenthal's race of U.S. Congress

Campaign Manager Ruben Kihuen for Congress July 2011 – February 2012 (8 months) I Las Vegas, Nevada

Campaign Manager Debra Bowen for Congress February 2011 - May 2011 (4 months)

Political and Community Organizer
Democracy for America/Latinos for America Political Training Academy
2004 – 2006 (2 years)

Helped initiate and developed the core Field Organizing Training for Democracy for America in conjunction with Latinos for America.

Deputy Campaign Manager Phil Angelides for Governor 2004 - 2008 (2 years)



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